

## TXEB IMPLEMENTS NEW CASE NUMBERING SCHEME FOR 2002

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas has changed the way new bankruptcy cases are assigned their permanent case numbers. The new scheme was implemented on March 1, 2002. Case numbers on cases filed prior to March 1, 2002 remain unchanged.

The Eastern District of Texas is made up of 7 divisions, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9. The five-digit case number (for bankruptcy cases) consists of the division number followed by a sequential 4-digit number within each division. A similar scheme is also used for the 4-digit adversary proceeding case number and the miscellaneous proceeding 3-digit number as well.

The new scheme assigns sequential case numbers on a divisional basis. The division number is part of the case number. Each bankruptcy case filed in the proper division is assigned a consecutive case number with the first digit of the case number being the corresponding divisional number. Adversary & miscellaneous proceedings will have their respective four- and three-digit case numbers similarly assigned.

This change has been implemented in preparation for electronic filing that will commence later this month.

For additional information regarding the new case numbering scheme or electronic document filing, contact the nearest Eastern District of Texas Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office.